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Web Post - Gleason Creek Riparian Protection Fence (EA NV-040-05-006)
Thirty Mile Spring Grazing Allotment
Gleason Basin Watershed

The Egan Field Office of the Ely District BLM proposes to implement a riparian protection fence range improvement project in the Egan Mountain Range in the Thirty Mile Spring Grazing Allotment. This project was previously posted on the BLM website for public review and a hard copy of the preliminary EA for the project was mailed to interested publics on February 10, 2006 for a thirty day public review period.

The purpose and need for the action is to improve rangeland health, watershed condition, and plant species composition, production, and cover in the Gleason Creek Riparian Corridor. This corridor is within the municipal watershed of Ely, Nevada and occurs about 14 miles northwest of Ely, Nevada, entirely within White Pine County. The need for the action is also to achieve and conform to Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health as developed by the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC – February 12, 1997). The project occurs primarily in the mountain big sagebrush vegetation type. The project does not occur within a Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA). The project also does not occur within a wilderness area or wilderness study area (WSA).

Approximately 3.0 miles of fence would be installed in roughly a rectangular shape, which would protect a large portion of the riparian corridor. The fence would encompass approximately 250 acres of public land. Approximately 4 acres of riparian habitat occur along that portion of Gleason Creek that would be protected. One short water pipeline and associated trough would be installed outside the exclosure as part of the proposed action. Four cattleguards would also be installed. As part of the proposed action, short term, high intensity cattle grazing would be permitted in the exclosed area protected by the fence. In terms of Township and Range, the project would be constructed at:

T. 18N., R. 62E., in portions of the west half of sections 18, 19.

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